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August 01, 2013

FOREST RIDGE YOUTH SERVICES: WALLINGFORD-
602300063
PO BOX 515
ESTHERVILLE, IA 51334

SUBJECT: Re-Certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Capacity : Up to 78 female youth; age 12-17

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that CDSS certification for the Forest Ridge - Wallingford cottages, located at 4502 and 4510 230th Steet, Wallingord, Iowa 51365 is continued through June 2014.

California licensing standards require that all serious incidents continue to be reported to CDSS Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he or she is a California placement. Incident reporting shall include the following:

- a. Deaths
- b. Suicide attempts
- c. Suspected physical, sexual, or psychological abuse
- d. Epidemic outbreaks and catastrophes
- e. Injuries and illnesses that require hospitalization or medical treatment (beyond first-aid)
- f. Use of restraint (whether or not they result in an injury to a child)
- g. Any unusual incident or absence that threatens the health or safety of a child

Certification will continue to be reviewed annually. We will continue to follow our Department policy which authorizes us to inspect facilities with or without an appointment as necessary.

If you have any questions please contact me at (916) 651-5380, or Carol Lancaster, Out-of-State Certification Analyst, at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

MEI YUK KUNG
Program Chief

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME: FOREST RIDGE YOUTH SERVICES: WALLINGFORD **FACILITY NUMBER:** 602300083
ADMINISTRATOR: JENNIFER SIEVERT **FACILITY TYPE:** 731
ADDRESS: 4502 230TH STREET **TELEPHONE:** (712) 867-4724
CITY: WALLINGFORD **STATE:** IA **ZIP CODE:** 51365
CAPACITY: 78 **CENSUS:** UNANNOUNCED **DATE:** 08/11/2013
TYPE OF VISIT: Case Management *(Re-cert)* **TIME BEGAN:** 08:30 AM
MET WITH: Jen Sievert, Executive Director; Shawn Connelly, Asst. Exec. Director; Sherry Williams, Admissions Director **TIME COMPLETED:** 04:30 PM

NARRATIVE**PURPOSE OF VISIT:**

As mandated by California law, this visit was performed by the undersigned analyst with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on June 11, 2013. This annual evaluation is conducted for the purpose of recertification and to assure that the facility continues to:

- have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision and treatment services to youth in care.
- remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations, as well as licensing laws and standards of the state the facility is located - In this case, the state Iowa.

CERTIFICATION HISTORY:

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., Forest Ridge - Wallingford was initially certified by the CDSS April 29, 2009; and has been re-certified annually since.

FACILITY INFORMATION, BACKGROUND AND PROGRAM:

Forest Ridge Youth & Family Resource Services was duly incorporated by the Iowa Secretary of State as a non-profit corporation on September 17, 2007. The Wallingford facility is comprised of four living cottages for a total of 78 beds.

- Crystal Cottage (24 beds)
- Eagle Cottage (24 beds)
- Oak Cottage (15 beds) - Not currently operating
- Anita Cottage (15 beds)

The census at the time of visit was 53

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Yuk Kung

TELEPHONE: (916) 327-8763

LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Carol Lancaster

TELEPHONE: (916) 838-5751

LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:

DATE: 07/30/2013

Carol Lancaster
I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:

DATE: 07/30/2013

Jennifer Sievert

This report must be available at Child Care and Group Home facilities for public review for 3 years.

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)FACILITY NAME: FOREST RIDGE YOUTH SERVICES:
WALLINGFORD

FACILITY NUMBER: 602300083

VISIT DATE: 08/11/2013

NARRATIVE**CA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:**

At the time of this year's visit, there were four female CA foster youth in placement at the facility. Three were placed by San Bernardino County Probation and one by Kern County Probation.

IOWA LICENSING INFORMATION:

The following licenses are currently in effect:

Oak Hall

Capacity: 15

Date of Last Licensing Review: 9/25/2012

Status: Full three year license issued 10/1/2012

Eagle Cottage

Capacity: 24

Date of Last Licensing Review: 10/24/2012

Status: Full three year license issued 9/1/2010

Crystal Cottage

Capacity: 24

Date of Last Licensing Review: 12/7/2012

Status: Full three year license issued 12/1/2012

Anita Cottage

Capacity: 15

Date of Last Licensing Review: 10/24/2012

Status: Full three year license issued 9/1/2010

As part of the re-certification process, licensing reports were collected from Iowa Licensing and the licensing surveyor was spoken with regarding the facility's status and compliance history. The facility is in good standing and there are no administrative actions pending. Review of licensing reports reflect some minor violations which were responded to and corrected in a timely manner. As previously stated, the licensed capacity for the facility is currently 78. Each residential hall is licensed individually by the Iowa Department of Human Services as a "Community Residential" facility with the exception of Anita Cottage which is licensed as a "Comprehensive Residential" facility.

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FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)**FACILITY NAME:** FOREST RIDGE YOUTH SERVICES:
WALLINGFORD**FACILITY NUMBER:** 802300063**VISIT DATE:** 06/11/2013**NARRATIVE****FIRE CLEARANCE**

Fire inspection documentation reflects that the four living cottages which comprise Forest Ridge's Wallingford site were last inspected on July 26, 2012 and found to be in substantial compliance by the Iowa State Fire Marshal.

ACCREDITATIONS:

Forest Ridge has their own school. Educational programming (to include academic, vocational and physical educational curriculum) is provided at one of the other Forest Ridge sites located nearby. The clients are transported to and from the site every school day. The school is under contract with the Estherville Lincoln Central Community School District.

Forest Ridge is accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.) The most recent survey was performed April 16-18, 2012 and is good through March 2015.

SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance and exit interview with Jen Sievert, Executive Director; Shawn Connelly, Assistant Director; and other members of the administration and management team.
- Collection of current organizational and program information.
- Walking tour of the facility - - inside and out.
- Discussion on serious incident reporting, personal rights and AB 12.
- Client interviews (4)

FINDINGS, COMMENTS, PLAN OF CORRECTION:

This was the undersigned analyst's first visit to the Forest Ridge facilities. FRYs appears to offer female youth a good opportunity to change the course of their lives through the female responsive programming offered. Facility appears to be in substantial compliance with licensing rules of Iowa and California. No deficiencies cited. Re-certify through June 2014.

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